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NOTICE OF MEETING
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

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10:00 AM
1/ State Capitol, Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4—19)
- *4. Approval of Minutes — February 25, 2010
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *6. California Lost Fishing Gear Recovery Project, \$0.00
(Change of Scope)
Various Counties

To consider a change of scope for a previously authorized grant to the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the University of California, Davis and SeaDoc Society for a cooperative project with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to restore seafloor habitat and reduce risk to coastal marine life by retrieving lost fishing gear. The change of scope will expand the northern and southern limits of the project area to include all Marine Protected Areas located between Point Arena in Mendocino County and the border of Mexico.

- *7. South Bonnyview \$360,000.00
Fishing Access Improvements - Construction
Shasta County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the City of Redding for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Boating and Waterways to refurbish an existing parking lot and restroom, and construct a barrier-free path and fishing platform, located on the west bank of the Sacramento River in Shasta County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the construction of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-oriented recreational uses. [Wildlife Restoration Fund]

- *8. Feather River Wildlife Area, (Transfer of Property) \$0.00
Highway 99 Bridge Expansion
Sutter County

To consider the transfer of a 1.8± acre portion of the Department of Fish and Game's Feather River Wildlife Area to the Department of Transportation to facilitate a bridge expansion over the Feather River via Highway 99, near the town of Nicolaus, in Sutter County.

- *9. North Sutter Bypass Ranch, \$30,000.00
Wetland Enhancement Fund Shift
Sutter County

To consider a fund shift for a previously approved grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with the Landowner, the Department of Fish and Game, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enhance 177± acres of seasonal wetlands and associated uplands located on privately owned property in the Sutter Bypass at the western terminus of Lincoln Road, approximately eight miles west of the City of Yuba City in

Sutter County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for restoration of wetland habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]

- *10. Laguna de Santa Rosa Middle Reach, \$40,000.00
Restoration (Fund Shift)
Sonoma County

To consider a fund shift for a previously approved grant to the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation for an ongoing project to restore wetland and riparian habitat on public and private land along the Middle Reach of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The proposed funding source allows for restoration of wetlands and adjoining habitat areas located outside the central valley. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d), Wetlands Outside the Central Valley]

- *11. Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, \$0.00
Napa Plant Site Restoration,
Ponds 9, 10, and Wash Pond Construction (Change of Scope)
Napa and Solano Counties

To consider a change of scope for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to perform additional monitoring on the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area Ponds 1 through 8, to provide additional management guidance for the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area and future restoration projects, located in Napa and Solano County.

- *12. Los Banos Wildlife Area Lift Pumps \$250,000.00
Merced County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to install three lift pumps to enhance 2,414± acres of wetlands on the Department of Fish and Game's Los Banos Wildlife Area located approximately four miles northeast of the City of Los Banos in Merced County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for restoration of wetland habitat. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d), Inland Wetlands Conservation Program]

- *13. Merced River Riparian Habitat Restoration \$317,000.00
Merced County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to restore 40± acres of riparian and wetland habitat and replace a low-lift pump to help improve habitat for wildlife and agricultural operations by providing vegetation that attracts pollinators, suppresses non-native weeds and improve water quality through slope stabilization on a private farm, near

the town of Livingston, in Merced County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for assisting farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration and wildlife protection. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(4)]

- *14. Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve, \$220,000.00
Expansion 18
Monterey County

To consider the acquisition of 1± acre of land to protect critical tidal wetlands and grasslands as an expansion of the Department of Fish and Game's Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve located within the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, near the town of Moss Landing, in Monterey County. The proposed funding source allows the acquisition and/or restoration of actively used habitat lands that connect larger, already protected habitats for multiple species. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]

- *15. Tulare Basin Wetland Enhancement, \$0.00
(Change of Scope)
Kern County

To consider a change of scope for a grant and cooperative project with the California Waterfowl Association and the landowner to allow for the installation of a new well to replace an existing irreparable well, located on privately-owned property immediately south of Highway 46, approximately 12 miles west of the City of Wasco in Kern County.

- *16. Whitewater Floodplain Conservation Area \$5,000.00
Riverside County

To consider the acceptance of two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants and the approval to subgrant the federal funds to the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission to acquire six properties, totaling 404± acres, to protect and enhance existing regional wildlife linkages and aeolian and fluvial sand transport areas within one of four priority areas of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Preserve located west of the City of Palm Springs, in Riverside County. The proposed funding source allows for grants to implement or assist in the establishment of Natural Community Conservation Plans. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]

- *17. Imperial Wildlife Area Wetland Enhancement \$438,000.00
Imperial County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association to enhance 225± acres of wetlands and to install a pipeline to provide efficient water delivery to an additional 315± acres of wetlands on the Wister Unit of the Imperial Wildlife Area, located approximately four miles northwest of Niland in Imperial County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for restoration of wetland habitat within the Salton Sea watershed area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Sections 79565 (SB 71) and 79568]

- *18. Imperial Wildlife Area Public Access \$152,000.00
Imperial County

To consider the allocation for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for the construction of a vault toilet and the purchase and installation of gravel for a check station and hunter campsites at the Imperial Wildlife Area, located on DFG-owned land, on the east side of the Salton Sea, five miles northwest from the town of Niland, in Imperial County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the development of public access related improvements for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife oriented recreational uses. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]

- *19. Shasta Big Springs Ranch \$10,330,000.00
Siskiyou County

To consider a cooperative project with The Nature Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Game wherein the State proposes to acquire a conservation easement over 5,834± acres of land to protect critical wildlife and fish habitat located near the community of Big Springs, in Siskiyou County. The proposed funding source allows the acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species, provides corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent fragmentation, and protects significant landscapes and ecosystems such as old growth redwoods, mixed conifer forests and oak woodlands, riparian and wetland areas, and other significant habitat areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)]

20. Scott Valley \$3,237,700.00
Siskiyou County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Siskiyou Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Department of Conservation to acquire Conservation Easements over five ownerships totaling 4,735± acres to protect rangeland, grazing land and grassland in Scott Valley, near the City of Etna, in Siskiyou County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of conservation easements under the California Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Program to protect the long-term sustainability of livestock grazing and to ensure continued wildlife, water quality, watershed and open space benefits from livestock grazing. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(1)]

21. Red Bank Creek Riparian Habitat Restoration \$565,000.00
Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts to restore 3 miles of riparian habitat along Red Bank Creek on two private farms, near the town of Red Bluff, in Tehama County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the enhancement or restoration of riparian habitat, located in floodplains and on areas within or adjacent to compatible agricultural uses. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(e/f), (1E)]

22. Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, \$972,490.00
Codora Unit, Riparian Restoration
Glenn County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy and approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a cooperative project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore 274± acres of riparian habitat located on the Codora Unit of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, Sacramento River Mile 168 in Glenn County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the enhancement or restoration of riparian habitat, located in floodplains and on areas within or adjacent to compatible agricultural uses. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(e/f), (1E)]

23. Lemon Canyon Ranch \$1,057,000.00
Sierra County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Pacific Forest Trust for a cooperative project with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to acquire a

conservation easement over 1,455± acres to protect rangeland, grazing land and grassland located east of Sierraville, in Sierra County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of conservation easements under the California Rangeland, Grazing Land and Grassland Protection Program to protect the long-term sustainability of livestock grazing and to ensure continued wildlife, water quality, watershed and open space benefits from livestock grazing. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(1)]

24. Cullinan Ranch Tidal Restoration \$5,650,000.00
Solano and Napa Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to restore 1,575± acres of tidal marsh and uplands at the Cullinan Ranch Unit of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, located approximately two miles west of the City of Vallejo and west of the Napa River, just north of Highway 37, in Solano and Napa County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the restoration of wetlands in the San Francisco Bay area. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Bond Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Section 79572(c)]

25. Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, \$1,550,000.00
Ponds 1 and 3 Enhancement
Solano County

To consider an allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to enhance Ponds 1 and 3 of the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area, consisting of 1,688± acres of managed and tidal marshes, located approximately two miles west of the City of Vallejo, along Highway 37, north of San Pablo Bay, in Solano County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the restoration and protection of wetland areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)]

26. Canada de los Osos Ecological Reserve, \$1,908,200.00
Expansion 1
Santa Clara County

To consider the acquisition of two contiguous parcels of land totaling 1,557± acres to protect valuable grassland, oak woodland and riparian habitat and to expand connectivity to other public lands located east of the City of Gilroy, in Santa Clara County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species, provides corridors linking separate

habitat areas to prevent fragmentation, and protects significant landscapes and ecosystems such as old growth redwoods, mixed conifer forests and oak woodlands, riparian and wetland areas, and other significant habitat areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)]

27. Millar Ranch Oak Woodlands \$1,860,000.00
Madera County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Sierra Foothill Conservancy to acquire a conservation easement over 2,990± acres to protect and preserve oak woodland habitat located south of the community of Oakhurst, in Madera County. The proposed funding source allows for the conservation of the integrity and diversity of oak woodlands across California's working landscapes. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(2)]

28. Moss Landing Wildlife Area Public Access \$408,100.00
Monterey County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to improve public access at the Department of Fish and Game's Moss Landing Wildlife Area in Monterey County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the construction of public access facilities for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-oriented recreational uses. [Wildlife Restoration Fund]

29. Wild Cherry Canyon \$6,735,000.00
San Luis Obispo County

To consider the allocation for a grant and acceptance of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the National Park Service as a reimbursement for a cooperative project with the American Land Conservancy, CA State Parks, State Coastal Conservancy, the Board and others to acquire a leasehold interest in 2,355± acres near the community of Avila Beach, in San Luis Obispo County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species, provides corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent fragmentation, and protects significant landscapes and ecosystems such as old growth redwoods, mixed conifer forests and oak woodlands, riparian and wetland areas, and other significant habitat areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)]

30. Cahuenga Peak \$705,000.00
Los Angeles County

To consider the allocation for a grant for a cooperative project with the Trust for Public Land, Department of Fish and Game, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the City of Los Angeles and private donors to acquire 138± acres to protect plant, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities located adjacent to Griffith Park in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species, that provides corridors linking separate habitat areas to prevent habitat fragmentation, and that protects significant natural landscapes and ecosystems. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]

31. Stunt Ranch Reserve \$967,500.00
Research and Education Center
Los Angeles County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California to reconstruct facilities, including a classroom/nature center and workroom building at the Stunt Ranch Reserve, located in the Santa Monica mountain range approximately 2 miles south of the community of Calabasas in Los Angeles County. The proposed funding source for this project provides for grants to the University of California for the Natural Reserve System for the construction and development of facilities that will be used for research and training to improve the management of natural lands and the preservation of California's wildlife resources. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)(3)]

32. Los Cerritos Wetlands \$6,180,000.00
Orange County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Los Cerritos Wetland Authority for a cooperative project with the State Coastal Conservancy and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, to acquire 100± acres of land to protect critical coastal wetland habitat, scenic features and vanishing remnants of California's wetland landscape located in the City of Seal Beach, in Orange County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition, protection and restoration of lands in or adjacent to urban areas. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Proposition 50), Section 79572(a)]